

The Long View: Franceen King



As was the case with everyone who knew Bob Monroe, Franceen had a unique relationship with him. They first met in 1977. He was speaking at a Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship conference in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Franceen remembers him then as kind of mysterious and wearing an unusual hat, perhaps a top hat. Almost a decade later when Franceen began training TMI residential programs she noticed that Bob's hat appreciation was part of the program ambiance. "He loved hats and always wore a variety of hats and getups to his evening talks."

The first GATEWAY VOYAGE® program Franceen attended as a participant took place in 1977 on a Mediterranean cruise ship.

The "voyage" was trained by Karen Malik, Chris Lenz, and Stuart Twemlow. Hemi-Sync® sessions were held in one of the ballrooms, sometimes beginning at five A.M. to accommodate the other passengers' activities. "The two-week cruise was billed

'The Trip of a Lifetime,' and it really was."

By the time Franceen was asked to become a residential program trainer in 1986 she had accrued a great deal of skill and experience in the field of human consciousness development. She earned a master's degree in community mental health counseling from Hood College in Maryland. She had worked for seven years with the National Institutes of Health including the NIH Executive Officers, individually and in groups, regarding executive management development and organization development. She founded Spectrum Associates, Inc., a training and consulting firm. Through Spectrum, and later with General Research Corporation, she served a variety of government agencies including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, the State Department, the Department of Labor, Department of Defense, National Bureau of Standards, and OSHA.

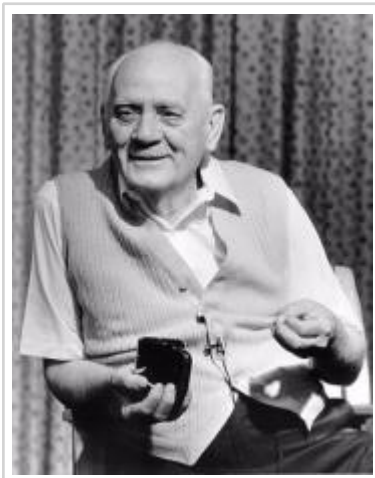
Franceen's professional background along with a deep lifelong interest in the paranormal prepared her for what was about to happen. In 1981 she moved from the Washington DC area to Florida, became licensed as a mental health counselor, and began working with individuals rather than agencies and groups. Then, James Jones, a friend and former colleague from

Washington, called with an offer she couldn't refuse. James had been working with TMI on a project and invited her to get involved. Franceen recalls, "I heard my mouth saying 'yes'."

Participation in the project led Franceen to become an Outreach trainer, then a facilitator of the Outreach Trainer training. In 1986 TMI's executive director Nancy "Scooter" McMoneagle asked Franceen to become a Gateway Voyage trainer. Franceen had an infant son. She knew being away from him would be difficult. Her inner Guidance was clear: "We'd really like you to try this and we promise you'll be nurtured in the process."

Franceen accepted the role and moved on to train the H-Plus Intensives and GUIDELINES®. When Bob developed LIFELINE, Franceen trained the first program. Later she designed and trained EXPLORATION 27®, STARLINES, STARLINES II, and TDAP.

Most of her interaction with Bob was in the employee lounge behind the kitchen at the Nancy Penn Center, where he would occasionally join her while program participants were in their CHEC units or on break. Bob liked to bounce ideas off of other people. "I suspect there are a few things I know about Bob that no one else does. He knew I was a therapist and he'd talk about his early childhood, as well as some of his inner planes experiences."



Describing her perception of Bob, Franceen says, "I always viewed Bob as a fellow server. I was committed to my work in service to humanity before coming to TMI, so I didn't consider him a primary teacher, but I had tremendous respect for his courage, his persistence, for the risk he took. I respected greatly his commitment to what he felt guided to do. He recognized how far beyond his personal history these things were. I felt we were on the same team. He was a colleague in a spiritual mission -- a mission of consciousness expansion."

Through TMI, Franceen sees the fulfillment of that mission as "... assisting people to reclaim aspects of their total selves. Self not only from other life expressions or aspects of self in this lifetime, but other dimensions and energy systems."

In March of 1995, Franceen trained a Lifeline program. It was the last week of Bob's life. "Even that week he came to speak to the group. On Saturday he and I were talking, and Bob said, 'you know, Franceen, Nancy's been coming to visit me every day the past two weeks. I'm afraid to let her get closer than about twenty feet. I feel so strongly I want to go with her.' "

Later that week during an evening talk to the group Bob asked if there were any healers in the room. He had been ill and was still battling symptoms. Barbara Brennan, internationally known

healer and teacher, was a participant and Bob knew it. She agreed to do a healing session with him. As the group watched, a massage table was brought in, the lights were dimmed, and Barbara began working on Bob. Franceen recounts what took place:

With the very first move she reached for his throat and pulled out a long shaft of energy. Her work with Bob was like a light show. You could see her pulling things out and moving energy. At one point Barbara told him she would sing to his liver, bent over and began toning.

While she was working many of us were aware of Nancy's presence. She came into the room. You could hear a pin drop. Many people were able to see the energy moving.

As Barbara worked on him, Bob remembered her from a civilization about two hundred thousand years ago. He said her name from that time. Barbara remembered it, too.

It was very powerful.

Franceen lives in Lutz, Florida. She has a master's degree in Community Mental Health Counseling, and a Ph.D. in Clinical Sexology. She continues to provide counseling services and consciousness expansion training through the Self-Awareness Institute.